

BELTON ISD  
6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BEGINNING BAND

# Alto Saxophone

**Recommended Brands:**

1. Yamaha YAS 26
2. Yamaha YAS 480

**Required items to purchase from a music store:**

1. Selmer C\* Mouthpiece (with a ligature)
2. Vandoren Reeds (at least 4) - Strength 3
3. Neck Strap
4. Ed Sueta Band Method Book 1
5. A digital Tuner/Metronome Combo Tuner Pick Up Mic (Pick 1)
  - a. Korg TM-70 with Korg CM-400 Contact Microphone
  - b. Orion KJ60BK Metro-Tuner
6. Folding Music Stand
7. Care Items: Silk swab, mouthpiece pad, cork grease, reed guard/case

**Required Uniform:**

Band T-shirt (\$10), blue jeans pants, and closed toe shoes

There are Music Instrument Dealers in our area (Belton, Killeen, Austin) that can make new or used instruments available to you. Their rental plans are designed to give your child the opportunity to begin an instrument with only a minimal investment. Dealers may have differences in their lease-purchase plans. Shop carefully for the plan that best suits your needs. **Please remember that local music stores will not usually repair instruments purchased from the internet/big box store.**

You can purchase or obtain an instrument from other sources. Please use this list as a guide and check mouthpieces. No students will be turned away from not having the “right brand”. Please feel free to contact Mr. Wurman at North Belton Middle School if you have any questions on an instrument to purchase outside of an instrument music dealer. Remember, it’s the instrument condition and the mouthpiece (not always the age of the instrument) that is important.

Please do not let students play the instrument and/or mouthpieces before they have had instructions. This simple precaution is so that we can teach students the proper way to assemble and care for their instrument. Please help us to help you protect your investment. Also, improper playing habits that are hard to fix may begin.